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**The California Department of Housing and Community Development Announces  
\$34 Million in awards for Housing-Related Parks Program**

Sacramento – Parks are happy places. Moms, dads, and caregivers are taking advantage of rare opportunities to talk with other adults. Parks are also healthy places. Kids may not even realize it, but all of that running, jumping, climbing, and swinging equals actual exercise.

Today the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced awards totaling approximately \$34 million for the creation and renovation of parks and recreational facilities.

The Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program is funded through Proposition IC, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. Grant funds may be used for a wide range of park-related capital asset projects, including new parks and recreation facilities, community centers, playgrounds, and improvements to existing parks.

“It seems the only downside to parks is there aren’t quite enough of them in California, especially in lower income neighborhoods,” said HCD Acting Director, Susan Lea Riggs. “HCD’s Housing-Related Parks Program delivers an innovative solution to this park-deficiency problem and makes it easy for communities to apply for and receive grants to fund new parks and make improvements to existing parks.”

To be eligible for HRP funds, localities must have (1) a compliant Housing Element, (2) submitted an annual progress report on their Housing Elements, and (3) issued housing start approvals for units affordable to very low and low income households during the designated program year.

Since 2010, the Department has awarded \$127,464,725 in grants to eligible jurisdictions through the HRP Program, incentivizing approximately 39,000 units affordable to lower-income households and providing critical funds for park-related infrastructure improvements in park deficient and disadvantaged communities statewide.

The recipients for this fourth round of funding totaling \$34 million in grant funds represent a broad geographical range, with both urban and rural jurisdictions. The awardees had a total of 9,973 housing starts from 2010 through 2014, for units affordable to lower-income households.

The following illustrates some of the projects to be funded this year:

**McFarland:** Develop a 12 acre park containing an amphitheater, playground, picnic area, skatepark, soccer field, softball field and all attendant amenities.

**San Jose:** Creation of a new park. The park will consist of a multi-use field, picnic area, sports courts, restrooms, jogging/walking pathway, security lights, fencing and landscaping.

**Woodland:** Renovate three parks with new restrooms, park maintenance buildings, and play structures; construction of walkways, shade structures, and exercise stations; the re-surfacing of basketball and tennis courts; and the installation of bleachers for sporting and other events.

**Pasadena:** Robinson Park Community Center - Robinson Park is currently a 7.0 acre park that also has a community center (the Jackie Robinson Center). Under Phases II and III of the Robinson Park Master Plan, the park facilities will be improved and expanded, and will provide significant economic and recreation opportunities for the community and Northwest Pasadena.

**Lemon Grove:** The City proposes to fund three projects with the funds; 1. The Connect Main Street Trail is intended to connect Lemon Grove neighborhoods through a park and trail system. This segment of the project includes developing a combination of paved multi-use paths and decomposed granite trail, bollard barriers, lighting, landscaping, and creek restoration along a street and un-developed property. 2. The Main Street Promenade- This project includes adding play equipment and developing a raised bocce ball court to support two adjacent affordable housing projects (Citronica One and Citronica Two). 3. Lemon Grove Skatepark - Expand an existing "skatespot" and install "skate-able" art at the site, designed by those utilizing the park and local artists.

**Redding:** Development of two park locations located in park-deficient downtown Redding. Open Space will be the creation and development of a natural area park on the banks of the Sacramento River with trails and trail-user facilities.

To learn more about the HRP Program and register to be notified of future funding opportunities, please visit the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/housing-policy-development/housing-related-parks-program/>.

A list of current awardees is attached.

*The California Department of Housing and Community Development is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of safe and affordable housing so more Californians have a place to call home. Our team works to ensure an adequate supply of housing for Californians and promotes the growth of strong communities through its leadership, policy and program development. For more information, please visit [www.hcd.ca.gov](http://www.hcd.ca.gov).*

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## HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM

### Awards By County

County	Jurisdiction	Units Incentivized	Total Award
Alameda	City of Dublin	64	166,575.00
	City of Hayward	374	1,082,475.00
	City of Oakland	265	912,550.00
	City of San Leandro		381,200.00
<b>Alameda County Total: \$2,542,800.00</b>			
Contra Costa	City of Oakley	115	214,100.00
<b>Contra Costa County Total: \$214,100.00</b>			
Fresno	City of Fresno	318	1,311,400.00
<b>Fresno County Total: \$1,311,400.00</b>			
Imperial	City of Calexico	47	230,000.00
<b>Imperial County Total: \$230,000.00</b>			
Kern	City of McFarland	147	1,038,700.00
	Kern County Parks and Recreation Dept	33	211,825.00
<b>Kern County Total: \$1,250,525.00</b>			
Los Angeles	City of Glendale	141	619,650.00
	City of Los Angeles	161	612,150.00
	City of Pasadena	36	113,250.00
	City of San Dimas	37	104,325.00
<b>Los Angeles County Total: \$1,449,375.00</b>			
Madera	City of Madera	9	95,275.00
<b>Madera County Total: \$95,275.00</b>			
Marin	County of Marin	240	757,600.00
<b>Marin County Total: \$757,600.00</b>			
Napa	City of Calistoga	47	176,100.00
<b>Napa County Total: \$176,100.00</b>			
Orange	City of Anaheim	168	490,700.00
	City of Buena Park	70	358,975.00
	City of Huntington Beach	198	284,200.00
	City of Irvine	240	421,350.00
	City of Tustin	161	679,250.00
<b>Orange County Total: \$2,234,475.00</b>			
Placer County	Placer County	63	196,700.00
<b>Placer County Total: \$196,700.00</b>			
Riverside	City of Coachella	21	178,950.00
	City of Indio	157	732,925.00
	City of Moreno Valley	189	643,775.00

	City of Perris	113	568,975.00
<b>Riverside County Total: \$2,124,625.00</b>			
Sacramento	City of Elk Grove	63	259,700.00
	City of Sacramento	56	181,375.00
	County of Sacramento	337	1,120,050.00
<b>Sacramento County Total: \$1,561,125.00</b>			
San Bernardino	City of Fontana	116	426,475.00
<b>San Bernardino County Total: \$426,475.00</b>			
San Diego	City of Chula Vista	328	775,925.00
	City of Escondido	239	685,450.00
	City of Lemon Grove	134	364,500.00
	City of National City	108	553,450.00
	City of San Diego	987	3,094,000.00
	City of San Marcos	97	449,900.00
	City of Vista	210	932,350.00
<b>Santa Diego County Total: \$6,855,575.00</b>			
San Francisco	City and County of San Francisco	753	2,686,325.00
<b>San Francisco County Total: \$2,686,325.00</b>			
San Mateo	City of Foster City	93	161,375.00
	City of Redwood City	36	107,250.00
<b>Santa Mateo County Total: \$268,625.00</b>			
Santa Barbara	City of Carpinteria	74	342,575.00
<b>Santa Barbara County Total: \$342,575.00</b>			
Santa Clara	City of Mountain View	103	276,475.00
	City of San Jose	742	2,442,400.00
	City of Sunnyvale	326	1,020,800.00
	City of Morgan Hill	396	1,493,100.00
<b>Santa Clara County Total: \$5,232,775.00</b>			
Santa Cruz	City of Santa Cruz	198	\$572,675.00
<b>Santa Cruz County Total: \$572,675.00</b>			
Shasta	City of Redding	61	\$138,300.00
<b>Shasta County Total: \$138,300.00</b>			
Sonoma	City of Petaluma	91	\$211,100.00
	City of Santa Rosa - Recreation and Parks Department		\$700,900.00
<b>Sonoma County Total: \$912,000.00</b>			
Tulare	City of Lindsay	25	\$157,300.00
	City of Porterville	81	\$322,550.00
<b>Tulare County Total: \$479,850.00</b>			
Ventura	City of San Buenaventura	167	\$421,050.00
	City of Santa Paula	110	\$516,350.00
	City of Thousand Oaks	54	\$280,275.00
<b>Ventura County Total: \$1,217,675.00</b>			

Yolo	City of Woodland	104	\$524,400
Yolo County Total: \$524,400.00			
Awards Total: \$33,801,350.00			